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SUBJ: REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION FOR TREATMENT OF TURKISH NATIONAL
AT U.S. MILITARY HOSPITAL IN GERMANY

REF A-9222, DEC 17, 1974

1. SUMMARY: WE HAVE RECEIVED A REQUEST FOR MEDICAL EXAMINATION AND TREATMENT OF HALUK SANCAR, TURKISH NATIONAL, DEPENDENT SON OF GENERAL SANCAR, CHIEF OF THE TURKISH GENERAL STAFF. WE STRONGLY BELIEVE THAT A POSITIVE RESPONSE TO THIS REQUEST AT THIS SENSITIVE PERIOD IN OUR RELATIONS WITH TURKISH GOVERNMENT WILL SUBSTANTIALLY SERVE THE INTERESTS OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT. WE RECOMMEND THAT EXAMINATION AND TREATMENT BE MADE AT U.S. MILITARY HOSPITAL IN GERMANY. END SUMMARY.

2. ACCORDING TO MEDICAL RECORDS SHOWN EMBASSY, HALUK, BORN JANUARY 15, 1959, WAS HEALTHY UNTIL DECEMBER 4, 1973, WHEN HE DEVELOPED AN ILLNESS STARTING WITH DIARRHEA FOLLOWED BY FEVER, NAUSEA, OCCASIONAL VOMITING, ABDOMINAL PAIN, DOUBLE VISION AND PHOTOPHOBIA. AS THESE SYMPTOMS SUBSIDED HE BEGAN TO SUFFER FROM GENERALIZED MUSCLE CRAMPS
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OCCURRING MANY TIMES A DAY, PARTICULARLY IN THE RIGHT CALF.

3. HALUK WAS EXAMINED BY BOTH TURKISH AND LONDON SPECIALISTS. DURING COURSE OF JANUARY 18 TO FEBRUARY 1 EXAMINATION AND TESTS IN LONDON, SYMPTOMS DISAPPEARED. PHYSICIANS CONCLUDED THAT HALUK HAD SUSTAINED IN DECEMBER, 1973, A VIRAL INFECTION OF ENCEPHALITIC CHARACTER FROM WHICH HE MADE A SLOW BUT COMPLETE RECOVERY AND NO FURTHER EFFECTS OR COMPLICATIONS WERE EXPECTED. VALIUM WAS PRESCRIBED, STARTING AT 2 MG THREE TIMES A DAY TO BE DECREASED GRADUALLY UNTIL STOPPED ALTOGETHER.

4. IN DECEMBER, 1974, HALUK SUSTAINED A NEW ATTACK SIMILAR TO THAT OF PREVIOUS YEAR. PARENTS ARE HIGHLY CONCERNED, HAVING EXHAUSTED CAPABILITIES OF TURKISH MEDICAL FACILITIES AND HAVING AVAILED THEMSELVES OF BRITISH MEDICAL FACILITIES WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. THEY HAVE THEREFORE REQUESTED EMBASSY ASSISTANCE IN REFERRING HALUK TO AN ADVANCED AMERICAN MEDICAL FACILITY WITH THE CAPABILITY OF DETERMINING CAUSE OF HIS ATTACKS.

5. USAF DIRECTOR OF BASE MEDICAL SERVICES, REGIONAL HOSPITAL, INCIRLIK, HAS EXAMINED EXTRACTS FROM HALUK'S FILE AND CONCLUDED THAT THE CASE REQUIRES THE SERVICES OF A NEUROLOGIST, ENDOCRINOLOGIST AND INTERNAL MEDICINE SPECIALIST. HE BELIEVES THAT EITHER THE US ARMY HOSPITAL AT LANDSTUHL OR USAF HOSPITAL AT WIESBADEN COULD HANDLE THE CASE. THE SANCAR FAMILY WOULD PREFER THAT HALUK GO TO GERMANY, WHERE HE HAS RELATIVES. HALUK SPEAKS LIMITED ENGLISH BUT WOULD BE ACCOMPANIED BY A TURKISH MILITARY PHYSICIAN WHO IS FAMILIAR WITH CASE AND WHO SPEAKS GOOD ENGLISH.

6. HALUK'S FATHER, GENERAL SANCAR, IS TURKEY'S TOP MILITARY OFFICER AND THUS ONE OF TWO OR THREE MOST IMPORTANT FIGURES IN NATION. HE PLAYS A PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT ROLE AT THIS CRITICAL JUNCTURE IN THE SECURITY RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN TURKEY AND THE UNITED STATES. HIS GOOD WILL TOWARD THE UNITED STATES IS ESSENTIAL IF WE ARE TO SUCCEED IN PURSUING U.S. POLICY OBJECTIVES IN TURKEY DURING THIS PERIOD.

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7. I HAVE PERSONALLY REVIEWED CASE AND STRONGLY RECOMMEND EXAMINATION AND TREATMENT IN GERMANY. IF NECESSARY, AMBASSADOR MACOMBER'S CONCURRENCE CAN BE OBTAINED IN WASHINGTON, WHERE HE IS NOW ON CONSULTATION.

8. AN EARLY AND FAVORABLE RESPONSE FROM THE DEPARTMENT WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED.
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